

**SPECIFIC WAIVER COVER SHEET**  
**CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**JUNE 2003 AGENDA**  
**Item No. WC-3**

<b>TITLE:</b> Request by <b>Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District</b> for a renewal of a waiver of <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 52859(b), the prohibition on using funds coordinated under the School Based Coordinated Program to pay for the local share cost associated with the employment of a Miller Unruh Reading Specialist	<div><div>_____</div><div><b>ACTION</b></div></div> <div><div>_____</div><div><b>INFORMATION</b></div></div> <div><div>_____</div><div><b>PUBLIC HEARING</b></div></div> <div><div><u>  X  </u></div><div><b>CONSENT</b></div></div>
<b>CDSIS:</b> 12-4-2003	

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Department recommends: ☒ Approval

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**Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:**

The School Board of Education (SBE) has adopted guidelines for the use of funds coordinated under the SBCP to pay for the local share of the Miller-Unruh Reading Specialist. This is a renewal of a previously approved waiver, Waiver Number CDSIS 19-3-2000-WC-1, SBE approved on May 11, 2000.

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**Summary of Key Issue(s):**

The intent is to co-fund the Miller Unruh reading specialist position with School Based Coordinated (SBCP) funds to provide supplementary assistance and instruction to students needing support to meet grade level standards in English Language Arts to increase the number and percentage of students reading at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This is an isolated, rural school district with high levels of poverty and a high percentage of English Learners. SBCP co-funding is crucial as an alternative to the local match because of the general fund cuts.

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Authority for the waiver: EC 52863, Renewal waiver

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: 3-11-03

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one): Firebaugh, Las Deltas USD,

Lori Campanile

☒ Neutral

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative:

Local board approval date: March 11, 2003

Effective dates of request: July 1, 2003 to June30, 2005

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**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):** No fiscal impact.

**Background Information:** Waiver request forms and supporting documents are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.